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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 13, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Applicants thank the Examiner for participating in a telephone interview with M. Scott McBride on April 30, 2003, and for scheduling another telephone interview on May 21, 2003, at 11:00 a.m. (EST), after the Examiner has had time to review this Amendment and Reply.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S.

Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the claims, specification, and drawings.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.